

Dear Healthcare Provider,

Have you considered joining the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet)?

You will serve as a sentinel site within your community. Many counties are currently not represented in our program and you can help to fill those gaps. You will contribute to a statewide and national sentinel surveillance effort to monitor influenza activity. You will receive influenza testing services at ISDH and rapid influenza diagnostic kits for use in your facility, at no cost to you.

Participation from our ILINET Providers is vital for monitoring the prevalence and spread of influenza viruses! The important public health information obtained from this influenza surveillance is used to guide prevention and control activities and patient care.

ILINet Providers:

- Can be from outpatient settings including emergency medicine, family practice, student health, internal medicine, and urgent care
- Report on a weekly basis the total number of patients seen and the number of those patients with influenza-like illness (ILI) by age group. ILI is described as the presence of fever greater than 100°F with cough and/or sore throat in the absence of a known cause
- Submit nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs from ILI patients every week for virus testing and subtyping at ISDH
- Receive positive influenza testing results from ISDH for their submitted specimens

ISDH:

- Uses ILINet data to determine the start and peak of influenza season in Indiana
- Provides free shipping materials and testing to ILINet Providers
- Submits ILINet specimens to the CDC for antigenic characterization and vaccine strain selection
- Tests select specimens for antiviral resistance and novel influenza viruses
- Identifies which influenza viruses, and other respiratory viruses, commonly circulate in Indiana
- Issues a weekly influenza report with timely and relevant seasonal influenza updates

If you are interested in joining the ILINet program, please fax the completed enrollment form to (317) 234-2812. For questions, please contact Reema Patel, Respiratory Epidemiologist, at (317) 234-2809.

Thank you for your interest!

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